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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 33 without prejudice and replace them with the following new claims:

34. An apparatus, comprising:

a base; and

a scanner which is removably mounted on said base and includes a reading element, a motor, and a roller driven by said motor,

wherein said motor drives said roller and thereby transports a sheet in a state with said scanner mounted on said base, so that said reading element reads the sheet, and said motor drives said roller and thereby causes said scanner to travel in a case where said scanner is detached from said base for use, so that said reading element reads a sheet.

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